

As a forty year broadcaster I'm concerned that we, both broadcasters and FCC, are reacting to orchestrated campaigns to take local television and radio back to the sixties.

The world has changed, television has changed, and to put more costly regulations and processes into place because a loud minority of less than one percent of Americans has organized letter, email and calling campaigns does not seem appropriate.

The process of recording the entire broadcast day every day would be expensive in equipment and employee time.

The technical burden of ensuring that emergency notification equipment is operating properly is logical and broadcasters have embraced it. Adding that burden for this proposed recording process is not.

Forcing the cost and technical burden on every broadcaster because a few "might" violate the undefined standards would seem punitive. The vast majority of broadcasters police themselves every day but our role is not, and should not be, one of enforcement.

We are concerned that should this recording requirement come to pass broadcasters in general will feel the "cold chill" of the government looking over reporters' and producers' shoulders at every turn thus diluting the independence and the value to the public of these broadcast watchdogs.